

British Friends of Vanuatu BFoV Events 2024

As at 4th February 2024

FUTURE EVENTS

Commonwealth Observance Day

Commonwealth Observance Day this year will be held at Westminster Abbey on Monday 11th March 2024.

The theme for Commonwealth Day in 2024 is 'One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth'.

The 53 members of the Commonwealth span the entire globe. Some nations are realms which means that the Queen is Sovereign. Others are monarchies which means they have their own monarch as Head of State and some are independent Republics. Each year, a specific theme is chosen for Commonwealth Day to highlight a particular aspect of .Commonwealth values and culture

We are hoping that Amanda Bawreleo, the 2023/2024 Vanuatu Chevening Scholar will be carrying the national flag of Vanuatu at this event.

BFoV Spring Weekend & AGM

will be held on 19th-20th April 2024 at the Best Western Rembrandt Hotel in Weymouth, Dorset. Post Code DT4 7JU Rooms have been reserved on the basis of our usual Bed Breakfast and Evening

dinner, for both nights, at a cost of:

£ 97.25 pp for a Double Occupancy Room

£129.00 pp for a Single Occupancy Room.

Members wishing to attend this weekend event should please let me know as soon as

possible, by email, addressed to bfovnjs@virginmedia.com so that final numbers can be agreed with the hotel.

A confirming deposit payment of £50 per person (£100 for Doubles) should be paid to

the BFOV by online transfer, with the balance payable later.

For further information on this and other future events please contact:

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Vanuatu Independence Day

Vanuatu Independence Day is celebrated every year on 31st July to mark what was then the New Hebrides gaining independance from Britain and France and becoming the Republic of Vanuatu, in 1982.

Although the British Friends of Vanuatu is expected to be wound up in April 2024, as explained above, it is likely that informal gatherings will be held around the UK to mark this event.

Details will be published in the newsletter and on this website page as soon as they are known.

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